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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : Takahiro NAKAJIMA, et al.
Group Art Unit : 1713
Application No. : 10/049,438
Examiner : Rip A. Lee
Filed : May 30, 2002
Docket No. : 11197/7
For : A POLYESTER POLYMERIZATION CATALYST,
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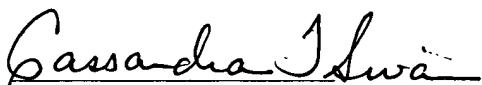
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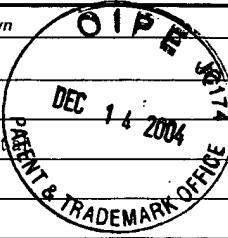
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